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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MICHAEL L. GOUGH

APPLICATION No.: 09/400,708

FILED: September 21, 1999

FOR: METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE FOR AN AUTOMATICALLY  
EXECUTED APPLICATION PROGRAM  
ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC  
MESSAGE

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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated 07/09/2008. A request for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is enclosed herewith.

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